

# Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

**Prelude** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Thelma Downey

**Greetings** Pastor Tom

**Opening Prayer** Pastor Tom

**Hymn** "Jesus, Remember Me"  
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
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**Scripture** Psalm 51 Denise Cosgrove  
<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge. <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place. <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. <sup>15</sup> Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise. <sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup> My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise. <sup>18</sup> May it please You to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Then You will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Words of Meditation** Pastor Tom

**Imposition of the Ashes** Pastor Tom

**Benediction** Pastor Tom